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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know why that order was set aside?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"They are entitled to some free supply according to the taxable value."

Sanitary arrangements during the festival at Velanganni.

*1064 Q.—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what is the annual contribution made by the Mission at Velanganni for sanitary arrangements made at Velanganni during the festival in September;

(b) what were the actual arrangements made in 1928 at Velanganni by the Government and by the local board concerned (1) for the maintenance of peace and order and (2) for medical relief and sanitation;

(c) what is the information possessed by the Government as to the total number of pilgrims who visited the shrine during the festival in September 1928;

(d) what is the normal width of the passage between the stalls usually insisted on by the authorities to allow the pilgrims free access to the church;

(e) by whom is the auction of stalls and plots for stalls conducted; and

(f) what are the profits realized by such auctions and by whom, and for what purposes they are utilized?

A.—(a) The Mission pays an annual contribution at fifty per cent of the net expenditure on the sanitary arrangements made during the festival. The Vicar has not yet paid the contribution due for the current year.

(b) (1) The Negapatam Taluk Board, and not the Government, is responsible for the arrangements to be made during the festival. The Sub-Magistrate, Negapatam, and a sufficient number of police officials were present at Velanganni during the festival.

(2) The taluk board spent Rs. 2,843 during 1928 for the provision of the following special sanitary arrangements :—

Shelter, conservancy, water-supply, lighting, medical aid, preventive measures against cholera.

(c) About fifty thousands.

(d) Fifteen feet.

(e) The taluk board leases its market site in public auction, while the Vicar leases out the sites belonging to the church; and

(f) The taluk board derived an income of Rs. 272 in 1929 which was utilized for making sanitary arrangements. There is no information available regarding the income to the church and the purpose for which it is utilized.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know whether, in consideration of the fact that this place is an important pilgrim centre, Government propose to increase the water-supply along with other sanitary arrangements?"

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" As far as we are concerned we are making the necessary arrangements. The question of water-supply will certainly be considered if the responsible authority comes forward with a scheme."

Proposed abolition of the B.S. Sc. class in Madras.

*1065 Q.—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Surgeon-General in replying to the deputation of unemployed B.S.Sc.'s that B.S.Sc. class in Madras will be abolished and that students should go to Calcutta for training and appear for the examination in Madras, was voicing his own opinion or the views of Government; and

(*b*) whether he will be pleased to place the Government Order thereon on the table of the House ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the Surgeon-General's letter No. R. 2489-Est., dated 15th October 1929, [a] which is laid on the table.

Appointment of B.S.Sc.'s as first-class Health officers.

*1066 Q.—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided that only B.S.Sc.'s will hereafter be appointed as first-class Health officers ;

(*b*) if so, what steps they have taken to safeguard the claims of those who before the date of this order underwent the B.S.Sc. course and only took the diploma and not the degree ; and

(*c*) whether Government have taken legal opinion about introducing new or additional qualifications, when candidates qualified under the old rules are still available ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) None and there is no need for any.

Constitution of the District Prohibition Propaganda Board, South Arcot.

*1067 Q.—Mr. K. RAMACHANDRA PADAYACHI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the committee for the prohibition propaganda in South Arcot district was constituted ;

(*b*) which communities the Government recognize as addicted to drinking ;

(*c*) why the Padayachi community has not been represented in the committee ; and

(*d*) why two Brahmans were nominated to the committee ?

A.—(*a*) On 26th August 1929.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*c*) of question No. 963.

(*d*) Only one Brahman has been nominated. The District Health Officer is an ex-officio member.

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